

**Indiana's Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for
Individuals with Transition to Teaching Permits
Amendment
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Highly Qualified TRANSITION TO TEACHING Elementary Teachers (Grades K-6)

In order to be considered highly qualified, elementary general and special education Transition to Teaching permit teachers who are the primary instructors of elementary content must have:

- 1) Earned a bachelor's degree;
- 2) Enrolled in a Transition to Teaching program and have a Transition to Teaching permit;
- 3) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge by having passed PRAXIS II licensing exam #10011 entitled "Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment."

Highly Qualified TRANSITION TO TEACHING Secondary Teachers (Grades 6-12)

In order to be considered highly qualified, secondary general and special education teachers who are the primary instructors of a core academic subject—English/reading/language arts, math, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, history, geography, music, art, and theater—must have:

- 1) Earned a bachelor's degree;
- 2) Enrolled in a Transition to Teaching program and have a Transition to Teaching permit;
- 3) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge in **one** of the following ways for each core academic subject taught:
 - Passed the PRAXIS II
 - Earned 24 credit hours
 - Earned a graduate degree
 - Earned National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification

NOTE: Teachers must demonstrate subject matter knowledge before being counted as highly qualified.

PRAXIS II Exams: For information about the PRAXIS II exams, contact a licensing advisor at your college or university, or call the Division of Professional Standards toll free at 1-866-542-3672, or refer to www.ets.org.

Sixth Grade Teachers:

A sixth grade teacher who has an elementary Transition to Teaching permit and teaches sixth grade students in an elementary school or a middle school, regardless of whether the school is departmentalized, is considered highly qualified if he or she meets the highly qualified requirements for elementary teachers. Accordingly, a sixth grade teacher who has a middle school Transition to Teaching permit is considered highly qualified if he or she meets the highly qualified requirements for secondary teachers.

Social Studies: Junior and Middle School Social Studies Teachers who pass the 0089 Middle School: Social Studies PRAXIS II exam have met the highly qualified requirement. Secondary Social Studies Teachers who pass the 10081 Social Studies: Content Knowledge PRAXIS II exam have met the highly qualified requirement.

Questions: Submit questions concerning highly qualified requirements to hqt@doe.state.in.us or review the Highly Qualified Teacher Web site, www.doe.state.in.us/hqt. For information regarding transition to teaching permits or programs, contact the Division of Professional Standards toll free at 1-866-542-3672 or dpshelpdesk@doe.state.in.us.